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The Honorable William J. Casey Director, CIA Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Bill:

I am in receipt of your memorandum of 3 June 1983 regarding the security of the National Intelligence Daily (NID) in which you point out that my office has failed to return issues dated 2 March; 30 April; and 7, 9, 13, 16-21 May 1983.

I, too, am sensitive to unauthorized leaks, particularly since my activities on behalf of the administration have been affected by them. Each member of my office has been properly briefed and is very security conscious. My office does not contain appropriate storage facilities for extrememly sensitive documents. Therefore, the National Intelligence Daily earmarked for me is sent to INR. On a daily basis an INR Watch Officer brings it in for me to read, remains present while I read it, and takes the NID back to INR from where it is returned to CIA control. I do not store the NID in my office. I regret to inform you that I am not in possession of any of the copies cited as outstanding. I have checked with INR and have been assured that INR has returned these to CIA. I therefore believe the problem is in the accounting system between our two agencies. There is one other factor to take into account. I am often absent on official missions for weeks at a time. At times then several copies of the NID addressed to me are held by INR for my return. This makes it difficult to comply with a 24-hour deadline for its return.

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The information contained in the NID is of inestimable value to me in my functions and you can be sure that I will continue to monitor its secure handling.

With every good wish,

Faithfully,

Vernon A. Walters

cc:
Director, INR
Department of State

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